

Remarks

Claims 1-3, 5-18, 21 and 23 are presented for favorable consideration in view of the amendments thereto and the following remarks.

Claims 4, 19, 20 and 22 have been cancelled; claims 15-18, 21 and 23 have been allowed; claims 10, 12-14 have been objected to; and claims 1-9 and 11 have been rejected.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 5 and the essential limitations of allowed claim 15. Accordingly, Applicant submits that claim 1 is now allowable, as are those claims that depend therefrom.

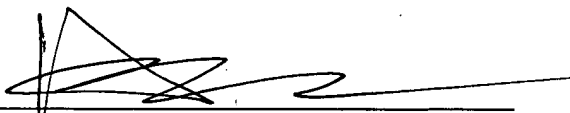
Claim 11 has been amended to be an independent claim by incorporating the limitations of claim 1 from which it depends. Thus, the objection to claim 11 should now be withdrawn, along with the objections to claims 12-14 which depend from claim 11.

Based on the amendments that infuse every remaining claim with the allowable subject matter identified in the Office Action, the 103(a) rejections have become moot.

Based on the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that the claims now remaining in the application (1-3, 5-18, 21 and 23) be allowed and a Notice of Allowance issued.

Respectfully submitted,

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